

When You Can't Get a FEMA Declaration

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1. Current FEMA climate concerning Major Disaster Declarations
2. Local Capabilities – What can you do on your own
3. Regular programs – Local, State, Federal
Examples
 - a. Community Development Block Grant
 - b. USDA – Rural Development Administration
4. Initiative for a stand-alone Individual Assistance Program
5. The role of the state Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)
 - a. The Regional VOADS (Asterisk * denotes approval pending)
 - i. Eastern Piedmont* – Jill Skelton – 540-825-0317
 - ii. Greater Williamsburg – Roger Baldwin – 757-2253-0228
 - iii. Northern Virginia – Trish Redmond – 703-577-3123
 - iv. Peninsula – Steve Terveer – 757-596-7188
 - v. Rappahannock – Sarah Walsh – 540-373-0041, ext. 14
 - vi. South Eastern Virginia – Bob Ianucci – 757-497-7734
 - vii. Southwest Virginia* - Jan Tobias – 866-946-4598
 - viii. Virginia Capital Area* - Terry Raines – 804-915-5000
 - ix. Shenandoah Valley Regional* - Brain Swanson – 703-743-5220
6. The importance of developing Long Term Recovery Task Forces (pre-established committees of key players in a community voluntarily organized to address the need for disaster assistance in large **OR small incidents**)

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